

THE UTAH/ARIZONA SAFETY NET COMMITTEE PRESENTS

MEDIA & POLYGAMY: TELLING THE STORY

MAY 8, 2008 - 1:00-5:00 P.M.

DIXIE CENTER

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Polygamists, social workers, law enforcement agencies and reporters will gather for a panel discussion and training session to identify obstacles and best practices for reporting about polygamous families. Here are the goals for the session:

- Help journalists seek truth and report it; minimize harm; act independently; and be held accountable.
- Help polygamists and people working with polygamists provide information in a way that is accurate, fair and minimizes harm, especially to children.

The training session will be followed by a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the work of the Safety Net Committee and to solicit ideas and feedback from the public.

1:00-2:00 P.M.

POLYGAMOUS COMMUNITY PANEL

Christine Brown - Apostolic United Brethren (AUB)
Heidi Foster - Davis County Co-Op
Vicki Kelsch - Independents
Joyce Steed - Centennial Park
Anne Wilde - Principle Voices (Moderator)

3:00-4:00 P.M.

MEDIA PANEL

Brooke Adams Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City
Brent Hunsaker KTVX-TV, Salt Lake City
Mike Watkiss KTVK-TV, Phoenix
Ben Winslow Deseret News, Salt Lake City
Paul Murphy Utah Attorney General's Office (Moderator)

2:00-3:00 P.M.

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PANEL

Gary Arnold - Arizona Department of Economic Security
Michelle Benward - New Frontiers for Families
Shannon Price - Diversity Foundation
DonnaLee Sarda - Defenders of Children Executive Director
Greg Smith - Mohave County Sheriff's Department Captain
Elaine Tyler - Hope Organization
Joni Holm - Child Advocate (Moderator)

4:00-5:00 P.M.

BEST PRACTICES & ACTION PLAN

All Panelists and Participants
Gary Arnold Arizona Department of Economic Security
(Moderator)
Jane Irvine Arizona Attorney General's Office (Moderator)

Seating is limited. Please contact Deby at the DOVE Center. Call 435-628-1204 or e-mail dove@infowest.com.

MAY 8, 2008 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL - DIXIE CENTER

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The Safety Net Committee brings together government agencies, non-profit organizations and interested individuals who are working to open up communication, break down barriers and coordinate efforts to give people associated with the practice of polygamy equal access to justice, safety and services.

Terry Goddard - Arizona Attorney General
Mark Shurtleff - Utah Attorney General
David Lujan - Arizona State Representative & Staff Attorney for
Defenders of Children

Paul Murphy - Utah Safety Net Coordinator, Utah AG's Office
Don Timpson - Centennial Park
Ben Winslow - Deseret News (moderator)